

327B.1 Authority secured and registered.

1. *a.* It is unlawful for a carrier to perform an interstate transportation service for compensation upon the highways of this state without first registering the authority obtained from the United States department of transportation or evidence that such authority is not required with the state department of transportation.

b. The department shall participate in the single state insurance registration program for regulated motor carriers as provided in 49 U.S.C. § 14504 and United States department of transportation regulations.

c. Registration for carriers transporting commodities exempt from United States department of transportation regulation shall be granted without hearing upon application and payment of a twenty-five-dollar filing fee and an annual one-dollar fee per vehicle.

d. The state department of transportation may execute reciprocity agreements with authorized representatives of any state exempting nonresidents from payment of fees as set forth in this chapter. The state department of transportation shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A for the identification of vehicles operated under reciprocity agreements.

e. Fees may be subject to reduction or proration pursuant to sections 326.5 and 326.32.

2. *a.* On and after the date on which the secretary of the United States department of transportation establishes the unified carrier registration system in accordance with Title 49, United States Code, as amended by Pub. L. No. 109-59, a foreign or domestic motor carrier, motor private carrier, leasing company, broker, or freight forwarder shall not operate any motor vehicle on the highways of this state without first registering the motor vehicle under the unified carrier registration system and paying all required fees.

b. The state department of transportation shall continue to require each interstate for-hire motor carrier to make an annual payment of one dollar per owned and operated vehicle for filings made with the state department of transportation under the single state registration system until the occurrence of the transition termination date in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 13902(f), as amended by Pub. L. No. 109-59.

c. The state department of transportation may participate in the unified carrier registration plan and agreement established in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 14504a, as amended by Pub. L. No. 109-59, and to file on behalf of the state the plan required by the provisions of 49 U.S.C. § 14504a(e).

3. A motor carrier shall keep proper evidence of interstate authority in the motor vehicle being operated by the motor carrier and the motor carrier owner or driver shall make such evidence available to a peace officer upon request.

4. A motor carrier owner or driver charged with failure to have proper evidence of interstate authority shall not be convicted of such violation and the citation shall be dismissed by the court if the person produces to the clerk of court prior to the date of such person's court appearance as indicated on the citation, proof of interstate authority issued to that person and valid at the time the person was charged with the violation under this section. Upon dismissal, the court or clerk of court shall assess the costs of the action against the defendant named on the citation.

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93 Acts, ch 174, §2; 95 Acts, ch 118, §31; 2003 Acts, ch 108, §57; 2005 Acts, ch 20, §10; 2005 Acts, ch 179, §129; 2006 Acts, ch 1144, §5; 2007 Acts, ch 143, §27, 35

For applicable scheduled fines, see §805.8A, subsection 13, paragraphs f and g